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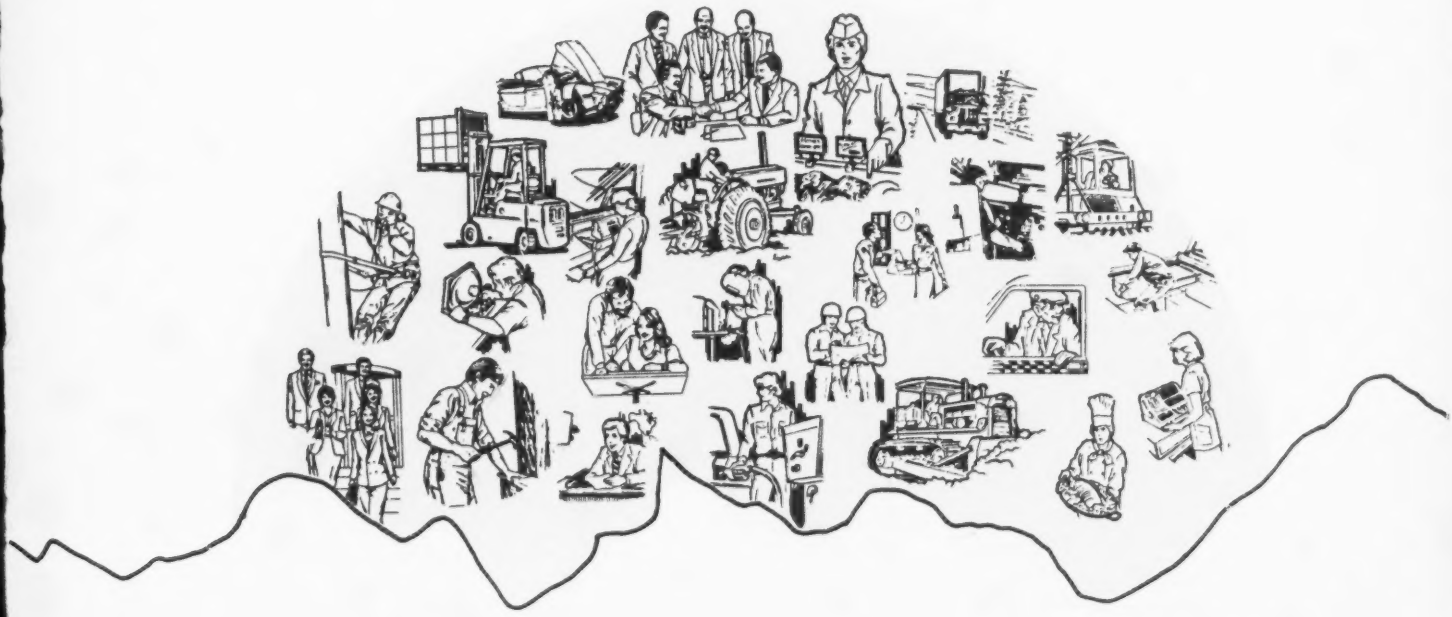

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Colorado Trends

February labor market conditions were little changed from the prior month. The State's seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained steady at 6.5 percent as small declines were recorded in both the numbers of employed and unemployed. Colorado's economy was more vigorous last year at this time. In February 1984 only 6.1 percent of the labor force were without work.

The adjusted number of jobless Coloradans edged downward by 900 during the current period to reach 112,100. Despite the improvement over the month, that is still 8,800 ahead of last year's mark.

Most segments of the economy remain in good shape, but there are weak spots that have existed for some time and their presence is becoming more and more noticeable. Labor market statistics during this period are a mixture of good news and bad news. In general, goods producing industries have not been faring as well as the service related sectors of the economy. Low mineral prices and high inventories have kept mining depressed since 1982. The durable goods portion of manufacturing has been hampered recently by the shake-out in high tech, and before that by low demand for steel and primary goods.

The adjusted number of Colorado jobholders dropped to the lowest mark in seven months during the current period. At 1,606,900, February employment is down 7,800 from January, but still 8,500 above last year's level.

Statistics reported by the State's Job Service Centers also indicate that employers slowed the pace of their hiring in February. The number of nonagricultural job placements made by the Colorado Division of Employment and Training were down by about 25 percent from both the prior month and the year-ago marks.

Data indicating weak employment conditions, however, are tempered by the movements in nonagricultural wage and salary employment figures from the independent, monthly employer survey. That series is recording good employment growth with about 5,000 more jobs created during February than might seasonally be expected. This indicates that any weakness is not widespread at this point.

One area in the State where there has been a noticeable improvement in employment opportunities is Pueblo County. Annual data for 1984 showed the first job growth in the area since 1979 and February employment in the County is up by 160. A number of new businesses have given a boost to the Pueblo economy including two Sperry Corporation facilities which will ultimately employ between 1,250 and 1,700 workers. At the present time a

small shopping center is under construction that, in addition to other tenants, will house a Wal-Mart store of over 83,000 square feet.

National jobless statistics did not register much movement during the current period. Both the level of unemployment and the rate for all civilian workers were little changed in February at 8.4 million and 7.3 percent, respectively. At the same time, U.S. employment rose by 300,000 to 106.7 million, continuing an uptrend that has totaled 2.7 million over the past year.

The two largest Colorado job gainers during February were government (up 8,500) and agriculture (up 3,200). The increase in government employment is due almost entirely to gains in state and local education with the beginning of the spring school term for many institutions. Agriculture registered the usual upturn for February as preparations are made for the upcoming growing season.

Services recorded a strong 2,300 job gain for the month. Nearly all sectors participated in the upturn but much of the growth appeared in business and educational services, each up by 600.

Construction employment fell 2,000 with most of the loss occurring outside the Denver Metro Area. This decline is more than three times the seasonal norm for the month, but stronger than expected performances in earlier periods still leave the job level in good shape. Employment in the construction industry is currently 3,000 above the year-ago mark.

Employment in trade declined by 1,700 continuing the seasonal downturn which began in January. The bulk of the loss appeared in general merchandise stores

Weakened by the layoff of about 600 packing plant and slaughterhouse workers by Sterling Beef Co. together with continued trimming of payrolls in high-tech firms, manufacturing employment fell by 900 in February. Data suggests, however, that pressure is building on many employers to do more hiring in response to increasing demand for products. The average manufacturing work week in February was 41.4 hours compared to 39.6 hours last year. Employers usually begin hiring additional workers when overtime costs become excessive.

Colorado's economy is presently a blend of strengths and weaknesses; the mixed signals apparent in February's labor statistics reflect that. Economic activity has leveled off for the time being, but is expected to pick up steam in the near future.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER-BOULDER LMA** was unchanged in February from the 5.7 percent rate recorded in January. Metro Area unemployment, however, dropped slightly over the month to 58,400 from 59,100 in January. The local area's economic condition has deteriorated somewhat in the past year due to competative pressures in some of the high-tech industries which had been experiencing rapid growth and general weakness in the basic sectors of energy, metals and durable goods production. The rise in the unemployment rate from 5.1 percent one year earlier illustrates this worsening condition. Total employment slipped 4,500 in February to 973,200 and is a tiny 6,400 above last year's level.

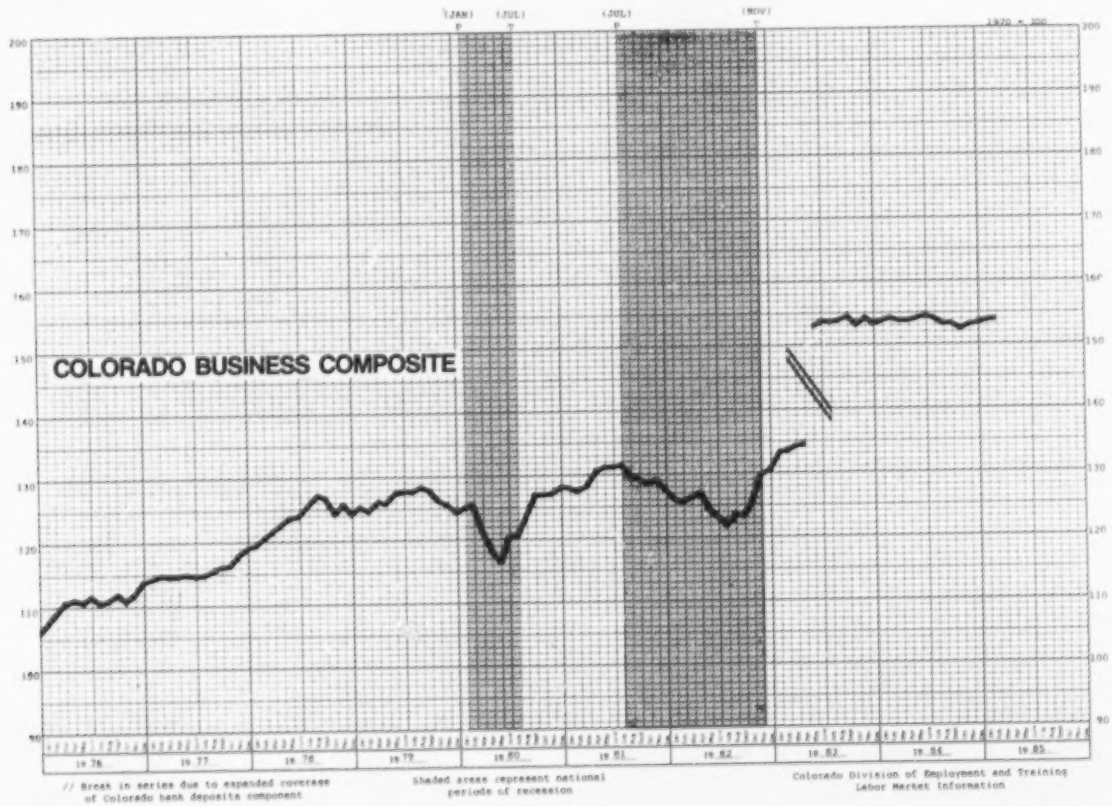
On the bright side, some sectors of the economy remain exceedingly healthy. Strong consumer spending in the Denver Area has lifted retail trade employment by 7,600 jobs in the past year to 158,800.

The Colorado Business Composite

The State's index of leading economic indicators inched up 0.1 percent to 154.0 in February, the fourth monthly increase in a row. These gains in the Colorado Business Composite (CBC) over the past four months have been small, however, and would point to slow improvement in the State's economic condition over the next couple months at best. None of the six indicators comprising the CBC moved decisively in either direction last month.

For a little over a year and a half the CBC has been pointing towards a flattening of economic growth in Colorado. It now appears that this adjustment is almost complete. February employment statistics for the State reveal that total employment on a seasonally adjusted basis is barely higher than it was one year ago. At 1,606,900 in February, employment is up by only 8,500 in the past year. *Movement of the CBC over the course of the next several months will be crucial in determining the direction of the State's economy for the next year or two.*

On the national scene, the government's "flash estimate" of first quarter real GNP growth came in below most analysts' expectations. The 2.1 percent annual rate of growth in the first quarter was down from the revised fourth quarter 1984 rate of 4.3 percent. Real growth for the quarter was held down by a surprisingly high 5.4 percent gain in the implicit price deflator. Most economists agree, however, that the measured inflation was a statistical aberation caused by higher fuel oil costs due to cold winter weather in the northeast section of the country during the quarter. They say first quarter GNP is likely to be increased upon revision. Whether it is or not, the real problem facing this nation at the moment is not high inflation but the grow-


COLORADO BUSINESS COMPOSITE
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Shaded areas represent national periods of recession
Colorado Division of Employment and Training Labor Market Information

COLORADO BUSINESS COMPOSITE[1]

ANNUAL AVERAGE 1970 = 100

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1976 . . .	107.4	109.2	110.9	111.0	110.9	111.6	110.6	110.9	112.0	110.6	111.8	113.8	110.9
1977 . . .	114.2	114.6	114.5	114.6	114.8	114.4	114.7	115.2	116.1	116.2	118.1	119.2	115.6
1978 . . .	119.4	120.4	121.6	122.9	123.8	123.9	125.6	127.2	126.6	124.0	125.6	124.0	123.8
1979 . . .	125.4	124.7	126.1	125.7	127.5	127.9	127.9	128.3	127.5	126.0	125.3	124.3	126.4
1980 . . .	125.2	125.6	120.8	117.9	116.4	120.1	120.3	123.9	127.2	127.1	127.2	128.1	123.3
1981 . . .	128.0	127.3	128.5	130.7	131.1	131.1	131.3	129.9	129.3	128.8	129.3	127.9	129.4
1982 . . .	126.3	125.5	126.7	127.2	124.5	123.3	122.0	123.9	123.4	125.7	129.5	130.8	125.7
1983 . . .	133.2	133.5	134.2	134.7	152.9[2/]	153.9	153.6	153.8	154.4	152.9	154.4	153.0	147.0
1984 . . .	153.7	154.1	153.9	153.9	154.2	154.5	154.0	153.1	153.1	152.5	153.1	153.4	153.6
1985 . . .	153.9	154.0											

Over the Month Percent Change

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1976 . . .	1.4	1.7	1.6	0.1	- 0.1	0.6	- 0.9	0.3	1.0	- 1.3	1.1	1.8	7.3
1977 . . .	0.4	0.4	- 0.1	0.1	0.2	- 0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.1	1.6	0.9	4.8
1978 . . .	0.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.1	1.4	1.3	- 0.5	- 2.1	1.3	- 1.3	4.0
1979 . . .	1.1	- 0.6	1.1	- 0.3	1.4	0.3	0.0	0.3	- 0.6	- 1.2	- 0.6	- 0.8	0.1
1980 . . .	0.7	0.3	- 3.8	- 2.4	- 1.3	3.2	0.2	3.0	2.7	- 0.1	0.1	0.7	3.3
1981 . . .	0.1	0.5	0.9	1.7	0.3	0.0	0.2	- 1.1	- 0.5	- 0.4	0.4	- 1.1	0.8
1982 . . .	- 1.3	- 0.5	1.0	0.4	- 2.1	- 1.0	- 1.1	1.6	- 0.4	1.9	3.0	1.0	2.4
1983 . . .	1.8	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.6	0.7	- 0.2	0.1	0.4	- 1.0	1.0	- 0.9	4.6
1984 . . .	0.5	0.3	- 0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	- 0.3	- 0.6	0.0	- 0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
1985 . . .	0.3	0.1											

1/ For a detailed explanation of the CBC, see the technical report by authors Larson and Wojahn in the July 1983 issue of the Colorado Labor Force Review, Vol. XX, No. 7.

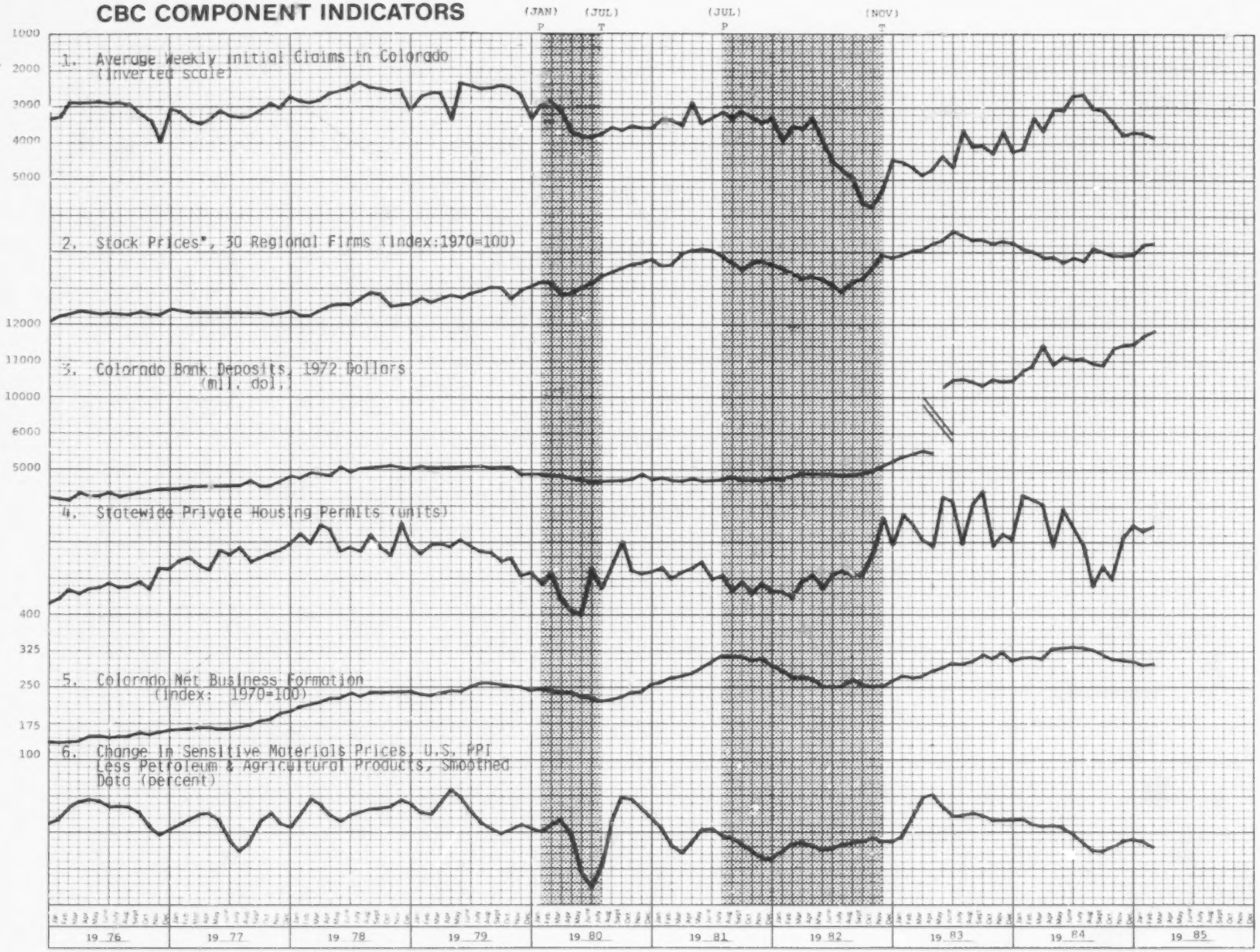
2/ Break in series due to expanded coverage of Colorado bank deposits component.

ing trade deficit.

There can be no doubt that the economy is currently suffering from some intermediate-term weakness. The monthly survey of the National Association of Purchasing Management showed that their index fell to 47.7 percent during March from a reading of 49.7 percent in February. The index slipped below 50 percent in February for the first time since January 1983. A reading below 50 percent indicates that the economy is declining. The number of purchasing managers reporting higher new order, production and inventory figures all declined during March.

The problem is that America's expansion is becoming segmented. *We can sing praises to the superdollar for its role in bringing inflation under control, but it also has driven a wedge between American industries.* The high dollar has buoyed the American consumer and the retail trade sector through a flood of cheap imports and the services sector has prospered in that it does not compete directly with foreigners. Basic industries, on the other hand, like oil, metals, steel, machine goods and agriculture are being structurally weakened by the high dollar. We might add to this list autos, semiconductors and electronics. The recent raising of Japanese import quotas on automobiles will certainly cut into American Producers' sales while the Japanese continue to increase their market share in computer chips and other electronic parts. The trade deficit hit a record $123 billion in 1984 and projections are that it will hit $150 billion this year. The problem then is big and getting bigger. Add to this the Ohio banking crisis and a downward correction in the value of the dollar seems likely this year. In fact, the Federal Reserve Board may have no other choice but to ease monetary policy further if it expects to keep the expansion going.

CBC COMPONENT INDICATORS



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DATA SERIES FOR LEADING INDICATORS COMPRISING THE COLORADO BUSINESS COMPOSITE

1.COLORADO AVERAGE WEEKLY INITIAL CLAIMS

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1976	3,286	2,901	2,912	2,877	2,840	2,940	2,923	2,986	3,218	3,391	3,978	3,058	3,109
1977	3,185	3,416	3,453	3,354	3,131	3,258	3,274	3,240	3,124	2,957	3,022	2,763	3,181
1978	2,849	2,923	2,830	2,626	2,576	2,481	2,382	2,522	2,564	2,590	2,540	3,124	2,667
1979	2,746	2,633	2,618	3,364	2,372	2,423	2,544	2,504	2,468	2,513	2,689	3,333	2,685
1980	2,930	2,825	3,087	3,738	3,800	3,817	3,764	3,572	3,612	3,532	3,580	3,588	3,487
1981	3,308	3,377	3,555	2,889	3,432	3,275	3,185	3,300	3,126	3,225	3,401	3,277	3,278
1982	3,903	3,589	3,600	3,258	3,884	4,500	4,770	4,999	5,701	5,766	5,270	4,446	4,474
1983	4,484	4,628	4,860	4,691	4,303	4,625	3,657	4,064	4,016	4,227	3,665	4,216	4,286
1984	4,165	3,920	3,661	3,022	3,052	2,682	2,657	3,013	3,067	3,413	3,772	3,687	3,293
1985	3,709	3,842											

2.COLORADO STOCK MARKET INDEX* (30 Regional Firms): 1970 = 100 --Adjusted for stock splits and dividends--

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1976	116.84	120.53	126.49	123.16	120.88	123.16	120.53	119.82	124.04	121.23	123.33	130.70	122.56
1977	128.25	125.44	124.74	127.37	125.96	128.42	128.77	126.32	126.49	120.18	125.09	127.72	126.23
1978	121.05	122.81	128.07	138.42	142.46	141.23	154.39	166.84	162.28	135.26	141.40	144.39	141.55
1979	154.69	146.53	155.73	161.28	157.12	165.80	169.24	178.91	175.22	156.41	172.93	177.86	164.31
1980	189.46	185.59	160.98	166.43	178.91	188.72	204.15	210.45	218.91	224.38	224.78	235.06	200.65
1981	222.13	224.88	247.66	253.47	255.74	253.15	246.04	131.02	215.51	231.18	234.89	222.13	236.48
1982	218.26	207.70	195.44	200.40	196.22	182.11	170.38	190.66	198.41	219.28	245.73	239.76	205.36
1983	244.67	252.05	255.74	267.62	278.69	294.88	285.04	276.02	278.07	266.81	275.53	270.64	270.48
1984	259.36	250.43	241.49	241.70	231.37	238.74	234.53	260.21	251.49	246.17	243.48	246.30	245.44
1985	265.22	268.48											

3.COLORADO BANK DEPOSITS, 1972 DOLLARS (In Millions)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERACE
1976	4,196	4,177	4,365	4,260	4,266	4,388	4,266	4,333	4,380	4,403	4,448	4,443	4,327
1977	4,468	4,552	4,565	4,556	4,541	4,567	4,578	4,681	4,586	4,589	4,708	4,801	4,599
1978	4,756	4,876	4,840	4,833	5,059	4,937	5,026	5,027	5,070	5,072	5,036	5,008	4,961
1979	5,119	5,022	5,019	5,038	5,069	5,077	5,072	5,043	5,038	5,052	4,908	4,897	5,030
1980	4,898	4,828	4,817	4,783	4,721	4,666	4,698	4,685	4,723	4,780	4,885	4,787	4,773
1981	4,797	4,738	4,711	4,748	4,714	4,723	4,721	4,801	4,739	4,690	4,700	4,756	4,737
1982	4,768	4,806	4,919	4,890	4,917	4,920	4,850	4,887	4,894	4,991	5,133	5,251	4,936
1983	5,395	5,463	5,549	5,473	10,241[a]	10,487	10,501	10,439	10,341	10,523	10,453	10,468	8,778
1984	10,741	10,898	11,441	10,885	11,129	11,017	11,072	10,952	10,881	11,390	11,427	11,445	11,107
1985	11,715	11,812											

4.STATEWIDE PRIVATE HOUSING PERMITS (In Units)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1976	1,549	1,850	1,733	1,884	1,840	2,085	1,897	1,937	2,163	1,823	2,593	2,545	23,898
1977	2,907	2,976	2,642	2,514	3,232	3,046	3,282	2,786	2,972	3,130	3,249	3,445	36,181
1978	3,779	3,438	4,075	3,905	3,184	3,352	3,203	3,751	3,274	3,022	4,217	3,412	42,611
1979	3,070	3,420	3,473	3,305	3,609	3,359	3,208[b]	3,130	2,821	2,997	2,325	2,483	37,199
1980	2,105	2,451	1,554	1,151	1,016	2,611	1,916	2,654	3,506	2,508	2,399	2,483	26,353
1981	2,638	2,221	2,497	2,586	2,816	2,237	2,331	1,780	2,100	1,743	2,083	1,826	26,856
1982	1,787	1,541	2,238	2,409	1,946	2,407	2,528	2,311	2,377	3,127	4,334	3,407	30,411
1983	4,480	4,157	3,619	3,323	5,059	4,914	3,452	4,833	5,266	3,408	3,782	3,611	49,904
1984	5,106	4,907	4,789	3,277	4,635	4,056	3,421	1,976	2,706	2,211	3,711	4,070	44,865
1985	3,865	4,059											

5.COLORADO NET BUSINESS FORMATION INDEX 1/: 1970 = 100

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
1976	136.24	138.66	139.44	146.48	149.00	145.90	147.64	147.78[c]	153.18	151.72	156.97	161.48	147.87
1977	162.73	165.75	167.41	165.88	162.28	164.04	167.91	172.75	179.71	183.29	198.90	200.22	174.24
1978	210.82	214.48	219.39	228.25	229.04	235.85	233.29	239.42	239.11	239.29	238.69	237.03	230.39
1979	233.87	232.88	236.61	241.66	242.60	250.62	259.14	259.23	256.40	251.05	250.39	243.43	246.49
1980	245.25	243.94	238.81	237.70	231.88	227.46	220.03	222.65	231.38	240.85	241.30	258.75	236.67
1981	262.03	270.61	273.79	279.3.	294.96	304.84	313.53	312.80	311.79	307.75	310.37	295.04	294.74
1982	283.10	271.63	273.09	268.78	252.56	250.61	251.01	263.62	255.94	250.31	251.04	261.08	261.06
1983	276.45	268.51	271.42	283.13	290.69	299.37	297.69	303.40	316.28	309.10	322.36	307.73	295.51
1984	310.60	312.79	309.24	331.40	328.53	333.02	331.64	325.27	319.34	308.39	307.23	303.94	318.45
1985	296.52	298.88											

6.CHANGE IN SENSITIVE MATERIALS PRICES (U.S. PPI Less Petroleum & Agricultural Products), SMOOTHED DATA 2/(Percent)

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
1976	0.72	1.34	1.66	1.81	1.69	1.35	1.40	1.44	1.12	0.29	- 0.18	0.18	12.82
1977	0.49	0.77	1.04	1.11	0.65	- 0.45	- 1.07	- 0.47	0.57	0.98	0.43	0.28	4.33
1978	1.00	1.70	1.57	0.90	0.58	0.89	1.18	1.31	1.30	1.44	1.81	1.59	15.27
1979	1.12	0.97	1.72	2.36	1.91	1.10	0.46	0.19	- 0.06	0.14	0.42	0.20	10.53
1980	0.01	0.38	0.78	- 0.27	- 2.18	- 3.06	- 1.79	0.57	1.96	1.90	1.30	0.79	0.39
1981	0.16	- 0.80	- 1.15	- 0.52	0.17	0.23	- 0.18	- 0.36	- 0.61	- 1.00	- 1.40	- 1.50	- 6.96
1982	- 1.11	- 0.71	- 0.53	- 0.76	- 0.89	- 0.85	- 0.68	- 0.61	- 0.53	- 0.40	- 0.48	- 0.50	- 8.05
1983	- 0.16	0.92	1.96	2.03	1.36	0.94	0.93	1.07	0.93	0.69	0.71	0.72	12.10
1984	0.77	0.40	0.34	0.39	0.27	- 0.12	- 0.64	- 1.05	- 1.06	- 0.81	- 0.46	- 0.41	- 2.38
1985	- 0.52	- 0.81											

NOTE: Data series are seasonally adjusted except for those series that appear to contain no seasonal movement. Unadjusted series are indicated by an * Data is provided for a ten year period. Prior data to 1970 can be obtained by contacting Area Labor Information, Colorado Division of Employment and Training.

1/ Data on net business incorporations and net business telephones make up the net business formation index. Data is smoothed by a 6-month moving average. Weights were derived to equalize the differences in the average monthly percentage changes among the two series in order to minimize dominance by the more volatile series when combined. 2/ This series is a weighted 4-term moving average (with weights 1, 2, 2, 1) placed on the terminal month of the span. a/ Break in series. Coverage expanded from Federal Reserve member banks to all depository institutions. b/ Additional reporters. c/ Series on net business telephone lines expanded to include data for equipment owned by customers but serviced by US West.

Sources: Unemployment Insurance Section, Colorado Division of Employment & Training; Daily Stock Quotations; Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; Building Permits Branch, U.S. Bureau of the Census; Office of the Secretary of State; US West; Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Colorado Insured Unemployment

Insured joblessness in Colorado during the first quarter 1985 climbed to nearly 28,400. That is a substantial 66 percent increase from the fourth quarter 1984, but down slightly from the year-ago level. Much of the upturn in unemployment is due to seasonal influences as many activities slow for the cold weather months. This time, however, weakness in some industry segments has accentuated the usual growth in joblessness. The current quarterly increase is nearly double the average first quarter gain for the prior three years.

All major industry and occupational categories recorded growing unemployment between the fourth quarter 1984 and first quarter 1985. The largest increase came in construction related activities where joblessness was up by 178 percent. Unemployment in construction normally dominates the statistics during the winter months as inclement weather conditions hamper outdoor building projects. The present upturn, however, is much larger than the 76 percent increase registered over the same period last year.

Spurred primarily by a series of layoffs in the electronic equipment area, unemployment in manufacturing climbed nearly 93 percent during the first quarter. That puts the level of joblessness in the industry at the highest point in nearly two years. Weakness was also apparent in mining as the number of unemployed expanded by nearly 47 percent. Layoffs in metal mining and oil and gas were largely responsible for the deterioration.

The current sluggishness in the labor market has made jobs harder to find. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for more than 14 weeks) grew by 40 percent during the last quarter.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COLORADO INSURED UNEMPLOYED[1/]

	TOTAL			PERCENT DISTRIBUTION		
INDUSTRY	1st Qtr.'85	4th Qtr.'84	1st Qtr.'84	1st Qtr.'85	4th Qtr.'84	1st Qtr.'84
TOTAL	28,394	17,084	28,723	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mining	1,088	741	1,685	3.8	4.3	5.0
Construction	8,540	3,071	8,350	30.1	18.0	29.1
Manufacturing	5,716	2,963	4,313	20.1	17.3	15.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	1,281	892	1,783	4.5	5.2	6.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	4,536	3,489	5,090	16.0	20.4	17.7
Finance	992	906	982	3.5	5.3	3.4
Services (& Farm)	4,831	4,094	5,185	17.0	24.0	18.1
Other	1,410	926	1,335	5.0	5.4	4.7
OCCUPATION						
TOTAL	28,394	17,084	28,723	100.0	100.0	100.0
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	4,042	3,387	3,930	14.2	19.8	13.7
Clerical	3,005	2,574	3,217	10.6	15.1	11.2
Sales	999	806	1,121	3.5	4.7	3.9
Services	1,816	1,722	2,506	6.4	10.1	8.7
Processing	1,612	785	1,316	5.7	4.6	4.6
Machine Trade	969	594	1,059	3.4	3.5	3.7
Benchwork	1,427	769	753	5.0	4.5	2.6
Structural Work	8,971	3,423	8,482	31.6	20.0	29.5
Misc. (Farm)	5,553	3,024	6,339	19.6	17.7	22.1
AGE						
TOTAL	28,394	17,084	28,723	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 22	886	762	1,030	3.1	4.5	3.6
22-24	2,344	1,547	2,392	8.3	9.1	8.3
25-34	11,603	6,887	11,315	40.9	40.3	39.4
35-44	7,093	4,159	7,016	25.0	24.3	24.4
45-54	3,886	2,316	4,202	13.7	13.6	14.6
55-64	2,353	1,288	2,540	8.3	7.5	8.8
65 & Over	185	75	156	0.7	0.4	0.5
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED						
TOTAL	28,394	17,084	28,723	100.0	100 0	100.0
1-2	6,057	4,613	5,577	21.3	27.0	19.4
3-4	6,399	3,363	4,784	22.5	19.7	16.7
5-8	7,933	3,976	8,039	27.9	23.3	28.0
9-14	4,970	2,950	5,409	17.5	17.3	18.8
15-19	1,804	1,148	2,546	6.4	6.7	8.9
20 & Over	1,243	1,026	2,371	4.4	6.1	8.3
SEX						
TOTAL	28,394	17,084	28,723	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	20,132	9,964	20,149	70.9	58.4	70.2
Female	8,217	7,091	8,579	29.2	41.5	29.9

1/ The characteristics of the insured unemployed are gathered during the survey week of the mid-month of each calendar quarter. These unemployed claimants filing for, or receiving, unemployment benefits represent only one segment of the total estimated number of unemployed.

Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FIRST QUARTER, 1985

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	47	162	328	831	221	678	258	1256	84	177	4042
CLERICAL	24	72	178	451	196	827	323	745	87	102	3005
SALES	13	10	46	125	64	504	63	128	11	35	999
SERVICES	22	10	73	132	77	571	73	755	41	62	1816
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	179	8	46	31	13	49	18	38	30	27	439
PROCESSING	39	24	183	977	17	230	16	80	12	34	1612
MACHINE	14	34	175	375	44	177	8	96	17	29	969
BENCHWORK	9	8	40	1086	9	153	6	86	2	28	1427
STRUCTURAL	123	307	6024	855	163	580	113	461	104	241	8971
MISCELLANEOUS	74	382	849	485	377	435	22	218	45	80	2967
NEC	40	71	598	368	100	332	92	384	73	89	2147
TOTAL	584	1088	8540	5914	1281	4536	992	4247	506	904	28394

STATE OF COLORADO
FEMALE CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	17	51	43	276	67	268	139	646	40	88	1635
CLERICAL	22	61	129	335	138	635	289	627	73	88	2397
SALES	7	2	10	38	31	225	27	58	5	11	414
SERVICES	8	1	24	60	55	359	40	472	14	35	1068
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	13	2	4	5	5	11	3	6	5	1	55
PROCESSING	13	1	6	235	0	57	5	26	0	3	346
MACHINE	1	0	4	78	3	10	0	16	1	2	115
BENCHWORK	3	2	7	692	5	78	2	50	0	19	858
STRUCTURAL	7	9	207	71	18	52	6	35	6	17	423
MISCELLANEOUS	9	13	35	78	28	63	7	47	3	9	292
NEC	3	9	43	97	39	143	55	212	18	29	648
TOTAL	103	151	512	1965	389	1901	573	2195	165	302	8256

STATE OF COLORADO
WHITE RACE CLAIMANTS*

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	41	147	292	751	200	607	223	1064	73	153	3551
CLERICAL	17	66	154	387	152	668	261	587	61	76	2429
SALES	12	9	36	109	51	434	53	106	9	28	847
SERVICES	15	10	50	78	61	434	54	474	29	47	1252
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	94	5	32	18	11	38	12	33	20	11	274
PROCESSING	23	22	114	442	16	129	11	53	7	17	834
MACHINE	10	28	151	268	36	155	6	70	9	18	751
BENCHWORK	5	6	33	747	6	100	4	64	1	19	985
STRUCTURAL	77	252	4334	549	133	428	86	346	78	166	6449
MISCELLANEOUS	45	316	686	371	311	317	15	157	26	70	2314
NEC	21	58	426	221	76	225	67	242	38	55	1429
TOTAL	360	919	6308	3941	1053	3525	792	3196	351	660	21115

STATE OF COLORADO
BLACK RACE CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	0	1	5	20	8	13	11	57	2	5	122
CLERICAL	2	2	7	16	14	36	23	42	9	3	154
SALES	0	0	1	2	4	16	4	11	0	2	40
SERVICES	0	0	3	6	3	27	5	88	5	3	140
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	9
PROCESSING	0	0	9	29	0	21	0	5	0	1	65
MACHINE	0	0	2	10	1	4	0	8	0	2	27
BENCHWORK	1	1	0	31	2	9	1	8	0	3	56
STRUCTURAL	3	2	109	37	6	22	4	24	1	7	215
MISCELLANEOUS	0	1	12	13	25	19	2	20	2	3	97
NEC	0	1	10	17	7	24	7	38	4	12	120
TOTAL	10	8	158	181	70	191	57	302	24	44	1045

STATE OF COLORADO
HISPANIC CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	3	1	5	7	3	13	9	31	1	2	75
CLERICAL	0	0	3	11	3	30	12	26	4	6	95
SALES	0	0	2	1	0	12	2	5	0	0	22
SERVICES	2	0	1	11	3	25	6	48	2	1	99
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	14	0	0	2	1	4	2	0	2	5	30
PROCESSING	3	1	14	137	0	12	1	7	1	3	179
MACHINE	1	0	1	19	2	3	0	3	2	3	34
BENCHWORK	0	0	2	53	0	9	0	3	1	0	69
STRUCTURAL	5	9	291	44	3	22	7	24	6	12	423
MISCELLANEOUS	4	3	25	13	5	11	1	6	1	2	71
NEC	2	1	32	27	2	19	4	17	12	4	120
TOTAL	34	15	377	325	22	160	44	170	32	38	1217

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL OTHER RACE CLAIMANTS*

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	3	13	26	53	9	45	15	104	8	17	293
CLERICAL	4	4	15	37	27	92	26	90	12	17	324
SALES	1	1	7	12	9	42	4	6	2	5	89
SERVICES	4	0	19	37	10	85	8	144	5	11	323
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	67	3	14	11	1	7	4	4	7	8	126
PROCESSING	13	1	46	369	1	68	4	15	4	13	534
MACHINE	3	6	21	77	5	15	2	15	6	6	156
BENCHWORK	3	1	4	254	1	34	1	11	0	6	315
STRUCTURAL	37	44	1290	225	21	107	16	66	19	56	1881
MISCELLANEOUS	25	62	126	88	37	87	4	35	16	5	485
NEC	17	11	130	103	15	64	14	87	19	17	477
TOTAL	177	146	1698	1266	136	646	98	577	98	161	5003

*HISPANIC CLAIMANTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE WHITE RACE COUNTS.
ALL OTHER RACES CATEGORY EXCLUDES WHITE AND BLACK RACES AND HISPANIC CLAIMANTS.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FIRST QUARTER, 1985

STATE OF COLORADO
INTERSTATE CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	11	20	20	61	38	47	11	135	13	11	367
CLERICAL	7	0	13	31	13	45	27	74	9	9	228
SALES	0	0	4	7	4	27	4	9	0	2	57
SERVICES	7	0	11	13	4	45	0	61	4	2	147
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	4	0	2	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	16
PROCESSING	0	2	4	20	0	4	0	0	0	0	30
MACHINE	2	0	0	29	2	4	0	13	2	4	56
BENCHWORK	0	2	2	43	4	9	0	2	0	0	62
STRUCTURAL	7	13	177	36	20	16	0	34	2	4	309
MISCELLANEOUS	2	20	29	22	13	18	0	20	0	0	124
NEC	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	13
TOTAL	40	57	264	270	100	215	42	320	32	39	1409

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

DURATION	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
1-2 WEEKS	121	238	1859	1181	278	979	210	883	111	197	6057
3-4 WEEKS	148	281	1916	1592	305	896	190	815	93	193	6399
5-8 WEEKS	223	284	2958	1252	334	1084	236	1140	148	274	7933
9-14 WEEKS	79	144	1380	1125	205	882	187	751	97	120	4970
15-19 WEEKS	31	68	307	376	97	374	91	350	35	75	1804
20-99 WEEKS	13	74	122	192	65	322	78	308	23	46	1243
NEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	585	1089	8542	5718	1284	4537	992	4247	507	905	28406

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

AGE	INDUSTRY										
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
16-21 YEARS	32	22	191	211	22	242	22	100	6	38	886
22-24 YEARS	76	97	613	528	67	480	81	297	32	73	2344
25-34 YEARS	265	490	3492	2342	506	1860	401	1675	189	383	11603
35-44 YEARS	122	269	2124	1444	408	985	266	1117	141	217	7093
45-54 YEARS	54	128	1254	740	196	576	132	616	74	116	3886
55-64 YEARS	29	70	793	420	79	356	86	391	59	70	2353
65-99 YEARS	6	8	51	24	4	31	4	42	6	9	185
NEC	0	4	25	7	1	6	1	8	0	0	52
TOTAL	584	1088	8543	5716	1283	4536	993	4246	507	906	28402

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	DURATION							
	1-2 WKS	3-4 WKS	5-8 WKS	9-14 WKS	15-19 WKS	20-99 WKS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	653	731	1106	874	364	315	0	4043
CLERICAL	610	542	775	594	258	217	0	3006
SALES	215	199	234	183	90	78	0	999
SERVICES	378	393	466	318	151	111	0	1817
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	84	93	145	82	30	7	0	441
PROCESSING	444	549	274	169	84	93	0	1613
MACHINE	169	258	279	165	59	41	0	971
BENCHWORK	227	403	275	334	121	68	0	1428
STRUCTURAL	1944	2137	2923	1462	359	147	0	8972
MISCELLANEOUS	624	631	990	473	153	98	0	2969
NEC	708	463	467	316	125	68	0	2147
TOTAL	6056	6399	7934	4970	1804	1243	0	28406

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	AGE								
	16-21 YRS	22-24 YRS	25-34 YRS	35-44 YRS	45-54 YRS	55-64 YRS	65-99 YRS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	32	157	1608	1306	588	324	18	10	4043
CLERICAL	132	280	1209	733	391	229	27	5	3006
SALES	31	84	393	249	130	106	5	1	999
SERVICES	80	163	655	411	284	195	25	4	1817
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	20	56	186	98	48	27	5	0	440
PROCESSING	64	162	606	386	252	135	8	0	1613
MACHINE	29	91	407	216	137	80	9	1	970
BENCHWORK	95	185	613	296	149	80	5	3	1426
STRUCTURAL	244	767	3832	2167	1149	742	49	21	8971
MISCELLANEOUS	73	204	1203	724	475	266	17	5	2967
NEC	86	194	888	506	282	170	17	3	2146
TOTAL	886	2343	11600	7092	3885	2354	185	53	28398

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

SEX	DURATION							
	1-2 WKS	3-4 WKS	5-8 WKS	9-14 WKS	15-19 WKS	20-99 WKS	NEC	TOTAL
MALE	4385	4753	5922	3380	1051	641	0	20132
FEMALE	1672	1648	2012	1590	753	602	0	8277
TOTAL	6057	6401	7934	4970	1804	1243	0	28409

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DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	INDUSTRY									
	AG,FOR,FISH	MINING	CONST	MFG	TRN,COM,UT	TRADE	FIN,INS,RE	SERVICES	PUB ADMIN	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	29	127	183	692	175	438	197	802	44	119	2806
CLERICAL	10	59	82	308	125	403	208	389	37	51	1672
SALES	5	6	21	78	39	264	44	73	6	19	555
SERVICES	4	3	29	79	64	206	31	326	18	24	784
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	71	1	23	9	4	19	11	15	9	19	181
PROCESSING	19	10	143	326	14	188	11	58	7	20	796
MACHINE	4	6	65	203	30	85	7	52	4	6	462
BENCHWORK	5	3	27	752	6	91	3	39	2	7	935
STRUCTURAL	56	40	2443	398	74	236	51	161	14	94	3567
MISCELLANEOUS	16	39	334	194	192	227	9	103	6	26	1146
NEC	7	24	177	169	62	154	50	155	12	31	841
TOTAL	226	318	3527	3208	785	2311	622	2173	159	416	13745

DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	DURATION							
	1-2 WKS	3-4 WKS	5-8 WKS	9-14 WKS	15-19 WKS	20-99 WKS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	428	501	767	655	260	198	0	2809
CLERICAL	326	322	392	356	168	110	0	1674
SALES	108	114	129	98	59	48	0	556
SERVICES	163	199	190	118	55	60	0	785
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	41	45	51	32	11	1	0	181
PROCESSING	200	191	163	115	52	75	0	796
MACHINE	89	132	108	89	25	20	0	463
BENCHWORK	127	311	173	244	53	27	0	935
STRUCTURAL	801	883	1149	545	135	56	0	3569
MISCELLANEOUS	235	233	366	195	76	41	0	1146
NEC	260	205	163	131	51	31	0	841
TOTAL	2778	3136	3651	2578	945	667	0	13755

DENVER/BOULDER LMA
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	AGE								
	16-21 YRS	22-24 YRS	25-34 YRS	35-44 YRS	45-54 YRS	55-64 YRS	65-99 YRS	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	19	103	1136	931	398	201	13	7	2808
CLERICAL	75	144	670	412	225	133	15	0	1674
SALES	15	27	239	151	67	54	3	0	556
SERVICES	26	60	287	200	119	81	12	0	785
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	7	30	93	35	13	3	0	0	181
PROCESSING	27	80	321	185	115	64	5	0	797
MACHINE	14	48	206	93	53	41	7	1	463
BENCHWORK	68	126	402	190	87	56	3	2	934
STRUCTURAL	82	304	1529	884	449	303	12	5	3568
MISCELLANEOUS	20	71	442	291	197	116	6	2	1145
NEC	28	63	356	228	100	59	7	0	841
TOTAL	381	1056	5681	3600	1823	1111	83	17	13752

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

OCCUPATION	AREA							
	DEN-BLDR	COLO SPGS	PUEBLO	FT COLLINS	GREELEY	MESA CNTY	NEC	TOTAL
PROF,TECH,MANAGERIAL	2808	380	122	191	63	109	369	4042
CLERICAL	1673	308	175	126	109	228	385	3004
SALES	556	122	51	49	39	41	141	999
SERVICES	785	225	133	66	58	74	475	1816
AGRI,FOREST,FISHING	181	34	17	36	34	6	132	440
PROCESSING	797	8	281	50	121	2	354	1613
MACHINE	463	94	45	71	49	55	193	970
BENCHWORK	936	151	13	88	161	9	69	1427
STRUCTURAL	3569	872	521	623	518	721	2147	8971
MISCELLANEOUS	1146	232	149	162	176	253	851	2969
NEC	841	190	128	75	79	80	753	2146
TOTAL	13755	2616	1635	1537	1407	1578	5869	28397

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

AGE	AREA							
	DEN-BLDR	COLO SPGS	PUEBLO	FT COLLINS	GREELEY	MESA CNTY	NEC	TOTAL
16-21 YEARS	383	103	57	43	42	42	217	887
22-24 YEARS	1056	233	128	142	136	138	512	2345
25-34 YEARS	5683	1050	613	686	567	659	2345	11603
35-44 YEARS	3600	620	395	372	328	347	1432	7094
45-54 YEARS	1823	375	258	167	208	235	818	3884
55-64 YEARS	1112	221	172	112	116	141	480	2354
65-99 YEARS	83	15	10	9	9	11	48	185
NEC	17	1	3	7	2	6	17	53
TOTAL	13757	2618	1636	1538	1408	579	5869	28405

STATE OF COLORADO
ALL CLAIMANTS

DURATION	AREA							
	DEN-BLDR	COLO SPGS	PUEBLO	FT COLLINS	GREELEY	MESA CNTY	NEC	TOTAL
1-2 WEEKS	2779	616	422	356	348	263	1271	6055
3-4 WEEKS	3137	610	318	375	288	306	1366	6400
5-8 WEEKS	3651	758	441	466	380	533	1703	7932
9-14 WEEKS	2578	393	243	227	225	314	990	4970
15-19 WEEKS	945	143	129	68	104	97	318	1804
20-99 WEEKS	667	96	82	47	63	66	222	1243
NEC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	13757	2616	1635	1539	1408	1579	5870	28404

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED LABOR FORCE DATA[1/]

COLORADO

	FEB 1985	JAN 1985	NOV 1984	FEB 1984	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1,719.0	1,727.7	1,723.4	1,701.7	- 8.7	- 4.4	17.3
Unemployment	112.1	113.0	91.8	103.3	- 0.9	20.3	8.8
Unemployment (%)	6.5	6.5	5.3	6.1	---	---	---
Employment	1,606.9	1,614.7	1,631.6	1,598.4	- 7.8	- 24.7	8.5
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 2/	1,410.5	1,405.3	1,403.0	1,370.9	5.2	4.8	36.9
Mining	35.9	36.3	35.9	35.8	- 0.4	0.0	0.1
Contract Construction	91.3	92.7	87.0	88.0	- 1.4	4.3	3.3
Manufacturing	192.4	191.5	194.3	189.5	0.9	- 1.9	2.9
Durable Goods	123.3	123.3	125.1	122.9	0.0	- 1.8	0.4
Nondurable Goods	69.1	68.2	69.2	66.6	0.9	- 0.1	2.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	86.5	86.3	86.4	85.2	0.2	0.1	1.3
Trade	347.7	346.1	345.5	336.6	1.6	2.2	11.1
Wholesale	79.4	79.8	79.0	78.8	- 0.4	0.4	0.6
Retail	268.3	266.3	266.5	257.8	2.0	1.8	10.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	95.2	94.6	93.9	92.2	0.6	1.3	3.0
Services	309.9	307.3	311.3	303.0	2.6	- 1.4	6.9
Government	251.6	250.5	248.7	240.6	1.1	0.2	8.3
Federal	52.4	52.2	51.9	51.9	0.2	0.5	0.5
State	57.7	57.6	57.7	56.4	0.1	0.0	1.3
Local	141.5	140.7	139.1	132.3	0.8	- 0.3	6.5

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	FEB 1985	JAN 1985	NOV 1984	FEB 1984	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	4 QTRS. AGO
RESIDENT CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands)	1,031.6	1,036.8	1,037.7	1,018.4	- 5.2	- 6.1	13.2
Unemployment	58.4	59.1	47.4	51.6	- 0.7	11.0	6.8
Unemployment (%)	5.7	5.7	4.6	5.1	---	---	---
Employment	973.2	977.7	990.3	966.8	- 4.5	- 17.1	6.4
NONAG. WAGE & SALARY JOBS 2/	913.2	910.8	910.2	888.0	2.4	3.0	25.2
Mining	23.9	24.2	24.0	24.9	- 0.3	- 0.1	- 1.0
Contract Construction	56.9	56.7	53.8	54.2	0.2	3.1	2.7
Manufacturing	131.3	132.0	133.9	130.0	- 0.7	- 2.6	1.3
Durable Goods	80.0	80.2	81.9	80.0	- 0.2	- 1.9	0.0
Nondurable Goods	51.3	51.8	52.0	50.0	- 0.5	- 0.7	1.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	63.9	64.0	63.5	62.5	- 0.1	0.4	1.4
Trade	224.7	222.6	221.1	216.0	2.1	3.6	8.7
Wholesale	61.3	61.4	61.3	60.5	- 0.1	0.0	0.8
Retail	163.4	161.2	159.8	155.5	2.2	3.6	7.9
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	67.2	67.2	67.1	66.2	0.0	0.1	1.0
Services	205.8	204.1	207.0	200.3	1.7	- 1.2	5.5
Government	139.5	140.0	139.8	133.9	- 0.5	- 0.3	5.6
Federal	32.8	32.8	32.7	32.9	0.0	0.1	- 0.1
State	33.1	33.1	33.1	31.8	0.0	0.0	1.3
Local	73.6	74.1	74.0	69.2	- 0.5	- 0.4	4.4

1/ Recurrent yearly movements in Colorado labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11 Variant of the Census Method II Seasonal Adjustment Program.

2/ Detail may not add to totals because industry data series have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonable weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*

	FEB 1985	PERCENT CHANGE FROM: 1 MONTH AGO	1 YEAR AGO
Food at Home (1967=100)	293.3	3.0	4.3
Cereals and Bakery Products	299.3	0.8	2.1
Meats, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs	259.3	3.5	1.1
Dairy Products	274.3	0.7	4.6
Fruits and Vegetables	313.4	5.2	6.9
Other Food at Home	358.7	3.5	7.1

NOTE: The entire Consumer Price Index for the Denver Area including the All Items Index and all of its components is published every other month beginning each January. The Food at Home Index which is produced monthly and represented here is published during alternate months.

* Produced by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain-Plains Regions VII & VIII, Kansas City, Missouri.

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CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO	FEB 2/ 1985	JAN 3/ 1985 *	FEB 1984		FEB 2/ 1985	JAN 3/ 1985	FEB 1984	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM: YEAR AGO
		(thousands)				(thousands)				
300	17,600	1,689.6	1,689.3	1,672.0	..TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE.. (by place of residence)	1,017.9	1,017.7	1,004.6	200	13,300
- 200	9,300	118.2	118.4	103.9	.....UNEMPLOYMENT 4/.....	60.1	61.2	53.1	- 1,100	7,000
---	---	7.0	7.0	6.5	.....Unemployment Rate.....	5.9	6.0	5.3	---	---
500	8,300	1,571.4	1,570.9	1,563.1	.....EMPLOYMENT.....	957.8	956.5	951.5	1,300	6,300
- 2,700	8,600	1,549.3	1,552.0	1,540.7	.....Nonagricultural 5/.....	953.9	953.2	947.5	700	6,400
3,200	- 300	22.1	18.9	22.4	.....Agricultural.....	3.9	3.3	4.0	600	- 100
5,600	39,100	1,393.6	1,388.0	1,354.5	.....WAGE & SALARY 6/..... (by place of work)	901.6	896.7	876.9	4,900	24,700
- 700	100	35.4	36.1	35.3	.....MINING.....	23.7	24.1	24.7	- 400	- 1,000
- 300	500	5.7	6.0	5.2	.....Metallic Minerals.....	3.0	3.1	3.2	- 100	- 200
- 100	600	5.0	5.1	4.4	..Bituminous Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic...	0.7	0.7	0.7	0	0
- 400	- 1,000	24.7	25.1	25.7	.....Oil & Gas Extraction.....	20.0	20.3	20.8	- 300	- 800
- 2,000	3,000	82.7	84.7	79.7	.....CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION.....	52.5	52.7	50.0	- 200	2,500
- 300	- 1,000	22.5	22.8	23.5	.....General Building Contractors.....	13.3	13.0	14.1	300	- 800
- 700	- 2,500	7.4	8.1	9.9	.....Heavy Construction Contractors.....	4.4	4.5	5.6	- 100	- 1,200
- 900	6,600	52.9	53.8	46.3	.....Special Trade Contractors.....	34.8	35.2	30.3	- 400	4,500
- 900	2,800	190.4	191.3	187.6	.....MANUFACTURING.....	130.0	130.7	128.7	- 700	1,300
0	400	122.4	122.4	122.0	.....DURABLE.....	79.4	79.5	79.4	- 100	0
100	- 900	6.6	6.5	7.5	....Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture.....	4.1	4.0	4.3	100	- 200
100	400	9.6	9.5	9.2	...Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Products...	7.4	7.2	6.9	200	500
0	100	14.5	14.5	14.4	.....Primary & Fabricated Metals.....	8.6	8.7	8.4	- 100	200
- 400	- 3,300	25.4	25.8	28.7	.....Machinery, except Electrical.....	15.7	16.2	19.0	- 500	- 3,300
300	1,600	22.3	22.0	20.7	.....Electric & Electronic Equipment.....	11.2	10.9	10.8	300	400
0	2,600	16.3	16.3	13.7	.....Transportation Equipment.....	14.8	14.8	12.5	0	2,300
- 100	- 100	27.7	27.8	27.8	.....Other Durable Goods.....	17.7	17.8	17.5	- 100	200
- 900	2,400	68.0	68.9	65.6	.....NONDURABLE GOODS.....	50.5	51.2	49.3	- 700	1,200
- 500	700	24.4	24.9	23.7	.....Food & Kindred Products.....	15.8	16.0	15.4	- 200	400
- 600	- 600	6.4	7.0	7.0	.....- *Meat Products* -.....	2.8	3.0	2.8	- 200	0
0	0	1.9	1.9	1.9	.....- *Dairy Products* -.....	1.4	1.5	1.4	- 100	0
100	1,300	16.1	16.0	14.8	.-*Other Food and Kindred Products*-.	11.6	11.6	11.2	0	400
0	300	3.2	3.2	2.9	.....Textiles & Apparel.....	2.6	2.6	2.3	0	300
100	100	2.3	2.2	2.2	.....Paper & Allied Products.....	2.2	2.1	2.1	100	100
- 500	500	20.9	21.4	20.4	.....Printing & Publishing.....	13.8	14.3	14.1	- 500	- 300
0	400	8.5	8.5	8.1	.....Chemical & Allied Products.....	8.3	8.2	7.8	100	500
0	400	8.7	8.7	8.3	.....Other Nondurable Goods.....	8.0	8.0	7.6	0	400
- 100	1,300	85.9	86.0	84.6	...TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES..	63.5	63.7	62.1	- 200	1,400
100	- 300	5.6	5.5	5.9	.....Railroad Transportation.....	2.9	2.8	3.0	100	- 100
100	1,600	18.7	18.6	17.1	.....Trucking & Warehousing.....	14.0	14.0	12.2	0	1,800
- 100	1,100	14.9	15.0	13.8	.....Air Transportation.....	14.2	14.3	13.1	- 100	1,100
- 100	100	7.1	7.2	7.0	.....Other Transportation.....	5.0	5.1	5.1	- 100	- 100
0	- 1,300	39.6	39.6	40.9	...Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs...	27.4	27.5	28.7	- 100	- 1,300
- 1,700	10,900	340.1	341.8	329.2	....WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.....	219.8	219.8	211.4	0	8,400
- 400	600	78.5	78.9	77.9	.....WHOLESALE TRADE.....	61.0	61.1	60.2	- 100	800
- 1,400	10,200	261.6	263.0	251.4	.....RETAIL TRADE.....	158.8	158.7	151.2	100	7,600
- 1,100	2,100	27.8	28.9	25.7	.....General Merchandise Stores.....	18.4	19.0	17.1	- 600	1,300
200	1,600	37.9	37.7	36.3	.....Food Stores.....	23.1	22.8	22.2	300	900
- 100	700	28.8	28.9	28.1	..Automotive Dealers & Gasoline Svc.Sta...	17.2	17.2	16.5	0	700
- 500	400	13.1	13.6	12.7	.....Apparel & Accessory Stores.....	8.3	8.6	8.1	- 300	200
300	3,500	100.2	99.9	96.7	.....Eating & Drinking Places.....	59.5	59.0	56.6	500	2,900
- 100	2,200	53.9	54.0	51.7	.....Other Retail Trade.....	32.2	32.1	30.7	100	1,500
300	3,000	94.9	94.6	91.9	...FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE...	66.7	66.6	65.7	100	1,000
- 200	0	22.1	22.3	22.1	.....Banking.....	14.4	14.5	14.5	- 100	- 100
100	800	16.5	16.4	15.7	.....Credit Agencies Other than Banks.....	13.0	12.9	12.4	100	600
200	800	22.2	22.0	21.4	....Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers....	16.7	16.6	16.4	100	300
- 100	1,500	25.6	25.7	24.1	.....Real Estate & Combination Offices.....	15.3	15.3	14.8	0	500
100	- 100	8.5	8.4	8.6	...Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate...	7.3	7.2	7.6	100	- 300
2,300	6,800	308.3	306.0	301.5*	.....SERVICES.....	203.4	201.5	198.0	1,900	5,400
100	800	27.9	27.8	27.1	..Lodging & Comb. Lodging & Eating Places..	12.1	12.0	11.8	100	300
100	800	27.4	27.3	26.6	.-*Hotels, Tourist Courts & Motels*-.	12.0	11.9	11.7	100	300
200	700	17.1	16.9	16.4	.....Personal Services.....	11.5	11.2	10.9	300	600
600	1,600	63.7	63.1	62.1	.....Business Services.....	49.7	49.6	48.7	100	1,000
200	500	15.1	14.9	14.6	.....Auto & Misc. Repair Services.....	10.5	10.4	10.0	100	500
- 100	1,500	20.7	20.8	19.2	.....Amusements & Recreation.....	7.9	7.9	8.1	0	- 200
200	1,900	73.1	72.9	75.0*	.....Health Services.....	48.0	47.7	47.0	300	1,000
600	100	11.1	10.5	11.0	.....Educational Services.....	8.9	8.4	8.5	500	400
0	0	20.9	20.9	20.9	.....Membership Organizations.....	13.4	13.3	13.2	100	200
400	3,500	58.7	58.3	55.2	.....Other Services.....	41.4	41.1	39.7	300	1,700
8,500	11,300	256.0	247.5	244.7*	.....GOVERNMENT.....	142.0	137.6	136.3	4,400	5,700
100	500	51.4	51.3	50.9	.....FEDERAL.....	32.6	32.7	32.7	- 100	- 100
5,200	1,400	60.4	55.2	59.0	.....STATE.....	34.2	30.9	32.9	3,300	1,300
4,900	1,100	41.5	36.6	40.4	.....Education.....	22.3	19.1	21.6	3,200	700
3,200	9,400	144.2	141.0	134.8*	.....LOCAL.....	75.1	74.0	70.6	1,100	4,500
3,000	4,900	80.3	77.3	75.4	.....Education.....	44.0	42.9	40.2	1,100	3,800
0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	..... LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor Force adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

1/ Labor Market Area includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, and Jefferson Counties. 2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month. 5/ Includes residence adjusted nonag. wage & salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers, and labor disputants. 6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during, or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Industry employment coded under the 1972 Standard Industrial Classification System. Due to rounding sum of individual items may not equal totals.

* Beginning with January 1985 estimates, about 2,800 hospital workers outside the Denver-Boulder LMA that were incorrectly included in health services have been moved to the local government sector. Year-ago employment levels for these sectors are not strictly comparable with the current statistics.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	FEBRUARY 1985 PRELIM TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	JANUARY 1985 REVISED TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5918	5381	537	9.1	5833	5251	582	10.0
ARCHULETA	1663	1353	310	18.6	1633	1354	279	17.1
BACA	2143	2035	108	5.0	2067	1981	86	4.2
BENT	2260	2116	144	6.4	2210	2082	128	5.8
CHAFFEE	6160	5358	802	13.0	6186	5382	804	13.0
CHEYENNE	959	924	35	3.6	923	893	30	3.3
CO.SPGS.SMSA	168877	157324	11553	6.8	170048	158096	11952	7.0
-EL PASO	164211	153140	11071	6.7	165278	153892	11386	6.9
-TELLER	4666	4184	482	10.3	4770	4204	566	11.9
CONEJOS	2743	2170	573	20.9	2654	2122	532	20.0
COSTILLA	1019	797	222	21.8	983	780	203	20.7
CROWLEY	1038	956	82	7.9	1023	943	80	7.8
CUSTER	1192	1093	99	8.3	1167	1089	78	6.7
DELTA	8846	7777	1069	12.1	8690	7607	1083	12.5
DEN+BLDR LMA	1017823	957769	60054	5.9	1017655	956496	61159	6.0
-ADAMS	157246	144822	12424	7.9	156898	144629	12269	7.8
-ARAPAHOE	191695	183563	8132	4.2	191834	183319	8515	4.4
-BOULDER	119854	110818	9036	7.5	120045	110670	9375	7.8
-CLEAR CREEK	4312	4050	262	6.1	4294	4045	249	5.8
-DENVER	297635	279814	17821	6.0	297490	279442	18048	6.1
-DOUGLAS	16529	15917	612	3.7	16526	15896	630	3.8
-GILPIN	1567	1461	106	6.8	1573	1459	114	7.2
-JEFFERSON	228985	217324	11661	5.1	228995	217036	11959	5.2
DOLORES	789	716	73	9.3	769	709	60	7.8
EAGLE	12487	11780	707	5.7	12594	11885	709	5.6
ELBERT	2555	2210	345	13.5	2435	2173	262	10.8
FT CO-LVD MSA	85646	79930	5716	6.7	85860	80065	5795	6.7
FREMONT	12560	11112	1448	11.5	12377	11082	1295	10.5
GARFIELD	14909	13222	1687	11.3	14897	13318	1579	10.6
GRAND	7988	7633	355	4.4	7970	7689	281	3.5
GREELEY MSA	66218	60825	5393	8.1	65582	60434	5148	7.8
GUNNISON	5739	5452	287	5.0	5723	5390	333	5.8
HINSDALE	200	196	4	2.0	211	200	11	5.2
HUERFANO	2463	2176	287	11.7	2433	2167	266	10.9
JACKSON	732	683	49	6.7	716	671	45	6.3
KIOWA	693	667	26	3.8	757	640	117	15.5
KIT CARSON	3506	3368	138	3.9	3436	3302	134	3.9
LAKE	3192	2869	323	10.1	3183	2859	324	10.2
LA PLATA	17127	15625	1502	8.8	17045	15581	1464	8.6
LAS ANIMAS	5446	4662	784	14.4	5257	4598	659	12.5
LINCOLN	2368	2262	106	4.5	2325	2232	93	4.0
LOGAN	9816	9208	608	6.2	9763	9170	593	6.1
MESA	43801	37848	5953	13.6	43989	37997	5992	13.6
MINERAL	567	496	71	12.5	657	612	45	6.8
MOFFAT	6569	5636	933	14.2	6456	5630	826	12.8
MONTEZUMA	8566	7267	1299	15.2	8607	7334	1273	14.8
MONTROSE	11382	9518	1864	16.4	11269	9483	1786	15.8
MORGAN	12207	10708	1499	12.3	12113	11285	828	6.8
OTERO	9065	8208	857	9.5	9077	8143	934	10.3
OURAY	612	394	218	35.6	571	383	188	32.9
PARK	1996	1796	200	10.0	2006	1792	214	10.7
PHILLIPS	1827	1749	78	4.3	1875	1708	167	8.9
PITKIN	8516	8238	278	3.3	8603	8296	307	3.6
PROWERS	7388	6916	472	6.4	7318	6868	450	6.1
PUEBLO MSA	46869	41067	5802	12.4	46759	40882	5877	12.6
RIO BLANCO	3148	2932	216	6.9	3143	2923	220	7.0
RIO GRANDE	5167	4641	526	10.2	5130	4602	528	10.3
ROUTT	13564	12769	795	5.9	13770	12914	856	6.2
SAGUACHE	1921	1669	252	13.1	1894	1634	260	13.7
SAN JUAN	665	443	222	33.4	698	579	119	17.0
SAN MIGUEL	1920	1748	172	9.0	1904	1757	147	7.7
SEDGWICK	1263	1151	112	8.9	1211	1118	93	7.7
SUMMIT	21322	20665	657	3.1	21730	20980	750	3.5
WASHINGTON	2148	1991	157	7.3	2079	1919	160	7.7
YUMA	4100	3928	172	4.2	4018	3843	175	4.4
STATE TOTAL	1689658	1571427	118231	7.0	1689282	1570923	118359	7.0

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES[1/]

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB[2/] 1985	JAN[3/] 1985	FEB 1984	FEB[2/] 1985	JAN[3/] 1985	FEB 1984	FEB[2/] 1985	JAN[3/] 1985	FEB 1984
CONSTRUCTION	$512.71	$503.24	$494.16	39.5	38.8	38.1	$12.98	$12.97	$12.97
MANUFACTURING	$387.09	$388.96	$364.32	41.4	41.6	39.6	$ 9.35	$ 9.35	$ 9.20
Durable Goods	$393.59	$396.86	$375.77	41.9	41.6	40.8	$ 9.53	$9.54	$9.21
Nondurable Goods	$376.40	$376.06	$346.09	41.5	41.6	37.7	$ 9.07	$ 9.04	$ 9.18

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	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB[2/] 1985	JAN[3/] 1985	FEB 1984	FEB[2/] 1985	JAN[3/] 1985	FEB 1984	FEB[2/] 1985	JAN[3/] 1985	FEB 1984
CONSTRUCTION	$521.47	$509.76	$520.67	38.4	37.4	38.2	$13.58	$13.63	$13.63
MANUFACTURING	$403.24	$405.60	$383.90	41.4	41.6	39.7	$ 9.74	$ 9.75	$ 9.67
Durable Goods	$404.48	$408.24	$386.37	41.4	41.7	40.5	$ 9.77	$ 9.79	$ 9.54
Nondurable Goods	$402.96	$401.58	$380.21	41.5	41.4	38.6	$ 9.71	$ 9.70	$ 9.85

1/ Averages, prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Clear Creek, Gilpin, and Jefferson counties.

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES—DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT

	COLORADO[1/]			DENVER AREA		
	FEB 1985	JAN 1985	FEB 1984	FEB 1985	JAN 1985	FEB 1984
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	16,043	24,605	14,415	8,084	11,816	7,251
Continued Claims	165,267	148,154	165,320	71,961[2/]	77,275[2/]	72,172[2/]
Number of Benefit Payments	124,908	104,800	127,356	56,527	48,581	53,488
Amount of Benefits Paid	$17,748,841	$14,940,260	$18,474,571	$8,538,282	$7,374,055	$8,044,520
Benefit Funds Available	($4,896,460)[3/]	$11,599,827	($5,302,006)	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	10,967	13,907	11,424	5,946	7,088	6,198
Nonagricultural Placements	3,625	4,858	4,901	1,388	1,659	2,054
Agricultural Placements	74	52	106	11	12	32

1/ The Colorado statewide totals for number and amount of benefit payments include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

2/ Does not include count of claims made by Colorado unemployed whose benefits are a result of employment in another state.

3/ Money available from federal loan. Current loan outstanding as a result of previous borrowing is $16,220,917.

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS *

JANUARY 1985 - In Thousands

	United States[1/]	Colorado[1/]	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	113,592	1,689.3	1,474.8	455.9	396.6	629.5	742.0	237.7
Unemployment	8,902	118.4	82.2	43.3	35.9	49.8	55.0	17.6
Unemployment Rate	7.8	7.0	5.6	9.5	9.1	7.9	7.4	7.4
Total Employment	104,690	1,570.9	1,392.6	412.6	360.7	579.7	687.0	220.1

* Estimates are not seasonally adjusted.

1/ Revised.